

# HOUSE BILL No. 1756

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-7-2-55.1; IC 12-22-4.

**Synopsis:** Child intervention program. Provides for the division of mental health to offer grants to local units of government to establish local programs responsible for developing a coordinated, family centered, community based system of services for children with serious emotional disturbances and their families. Makes an appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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Summers**

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January 26, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-55.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 1999]: **Sec. 55.1. "Dawn project", for purposes of IC 12-22-4, has**  
4 **the meaning set forth in IC 12-22-4-1.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 12-22-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
6 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 1999]:

8 **Chapter 4. Dawn Project**

9 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter "dawn project" refers to a local**  
10 **program that is responsible for developing a coordinated, family**  
11 **centered, community based system of services for children with**  
12 **serious emotional disturbances and their families.**

13 **Sec. 2. (a) The division may award grants to local units of**  
14 **government that meet the qualifications of this chapter for**  
15 **establishing dawn projects. A dawn project may include more than**  
16 **one (1) county.**

17 **(b) The division may award three (3) grants per year. A grant**

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may not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(c) The division shall provide technical assistance to all dawn projects awarded grants by the division.

**Sec. 3. An applicant for a grant under this chapter must meet the following qualifications:**

(1) Develop and demonstrate a plan to blend county and state funds that support services for children with serious emotional disturbances who meet the qualifications under section 5 of this chapter.

(2) Demonstrate that the plan to blend funds under subdivision (1) is able to blend funds from the following sources:

(A) Child welfare.

(B) Juvenile justice.

(C) State or local education systems.

(D) Division of mental health.

(3) Demonstrate that the plan to blend funds under subdivision (1) includes the following components:

(A) Risk sharing with mental health organizations that manage the care of eligible children.

(B) Additional direct services for eligible children.

(C) Flexibility in providing services.

(D) Individualized case coordination plans that encourage creativity when providing services to eligible children and families.

(4) Create a coordinating committee that includes representatives of the following:

(A) The county office of family and children.

(B) Mental health service providers.

(C) The juvenile court.

(D) The largest school district in the county.

(E) At least two (2) family members of eligible children.

(F) An organization that provides advocacy for children and families.

The committee may include other representatives, including representatives of law enforcement, county government, and medical care.

**Sec. 4. (a) The coordinating committee created under section 3(4) of this chapter is responsible for the following:**

(1) Administering the plan to blend funds to provide comprehensive services for children who are eligible under the dawn project and described in section 5 of this chapter.

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(2) Ensuring that any funds saved as a result of reduced use of institutional services under the plan to blend funds will be used to provide additional services to eligible children.

(3) Establishing a process to identify children to be served under the dawn project.

Sec. 5. (a) The coordinating committee must select children based on the following criteria:

(1) The child has a mental illness diagnosed under the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV).

(2) The child experiences significant functional impairment in at least one (1) of the following areas:

(A) Activities of daily living.

(B) Interpersonal functioning.

(C) Concentration, persistence, and pace.

(D) Adaptation to change.

(3) The child has:

(A) a mental illness that has continued, or is expected to continue, for at least twelve (12) months; or

(B) experienced a situational trauma and is receiving services from at least two (2) of the following:

(i) A special education agency.

(ii) A mental health agency.

(iii) A child welfare agency.

(iv) A law enforcement agency.

(4) The child is not more than eighteen (18) years of age.

(5) The child is at risk of separation from the child's family or is separated from the family.

(b) The coordinating committee may add additional eligibility criteria or other target groups in the plan approved by the division.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) Notwithstanding IC 12-22-4-2(b), as added by this act, the division of mental health may award grants for two (2) dawn projects in 1999 and two (2) dawn projects in 2000.

(b) In addition to any other appropriation to the division of health, there is appropriated to the division of mental health for dawn project grants and technical assistance by the division of mental health from the state general fund:

(1) two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000; and

(2) two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.



1 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

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